

## CLAIMS

1. A camera system, the system comprising:
  - a stationary camera having a wide angle view;
  - a remotely controllable camera having a relatively smaller angle view for providing images in substantially full resolution; and
  - a processor for monitoring the wide angle view of the stationary camera, enabling selection of a desired subject within the wide angle view, generating an electronic pan-tilt-zoom view of the desired subject based on the wide angle view of the stationary camera, controlling the remotely controllable camera for providing a view that overlaps the electronic pan-tilt-zoom view of the desired subject, and processing the electronic pan-tilt-zoom view of the desired subject in accordance with the resolution of the remotely controllable camera.
2. The camera system according to claim 1 wherein the stationary camera comprises a electronic-pan-tilt-zoom camera.
3. The camera system according to claim 1 wherein the remotely controlled camera comprises a mechanical-pan-tilt-zoom camera.
4. The camera system according to claim 1 wherein the processor comprises a computer.

5. The camera system according to claim 1 further including means for displaying the substantially full resolution view of the desired subject.
6. The camera system according to claim 1 wherein the processor includes means for receiving calibration data that defines particular operational characteristics of the stationary and remotely controlled cameras.
7. A method of operating a camera system, comprising the steps of:
  - providing a camera system having a stationary camera providing a wide angle view and a remotely controllable camera set having a relatively smaller angle view for providing images in substantially full resolution;
  - monitoring the wide angle view of the stationary camera;
  - selecting a desired subject within the wide angle view;
  - generating an electronic pan-tilt-zoom view of the desired subject based on the wide angle view of the stationary camera;
  - controlling the remotely controllable camera for providing a view that overlaps the electronic pan-tilt-zoom view of the desired subject; and
  - processing the electronic pan-tilt-zoom view of the desired subject in accordance with the resolution of the remotely controllable camera.

8. The method according to claim 7 further comprising the step of providing calibration data that defines particular operational characteristics of the stationary and remotely controllable cameras.
9. The method according to claim 7 wherein the processing step further comprises the step of displaying the processed view of the desired subject.
10. The method according to claim 7 wherein the selecting step comprises the step of generating pixel data defining the desired subject within the wide angle view.